

STRIKE OF CAR MEN AVERTED

Mayor Schmitz Acts as Mediator Between Company and Union With Good Results.

TERMS READILY ACCEPTED

Chief Magistrate Appears Before Employers Organization on Eve of Strike and Preserves Harmony.

San Francisco, May 4.—The threatened street car strike on the United Railroad lines in this city, has been averted by the acceptance early this morning by the Car Men's union of the terms of the company, submitted through Mayor Schmitz. This action followed some weeks of negotiations between the company and the union. The main point at issue was the demand of the company that all employees of the company should in 60 days after entering the service become members of the union. Last Sunday morning when the car men were on the point of declaring a strike, Mayor Schmitz appeared at their meeting and secured a delay of three days, offering to act as mediator in the controversy. The terms he secured from the company were presented to the men at an early hour this morning and they were almost unanimously accepted. The following is the basis of settlement:

The company agrees to recognize the union and promises not to discriminate against the union and it is satisfactory to the company if its employees join the union. The company also agrees that in the event of the discharge of any employee to notify the

president of the union, except when the dismissal is for failure to register fares.

Boundary Dispute Ends.

New York, May 4.—A convention has been signed by the minister of foreign affairs and the Chilean minister, cables the Herald's Buenos Ayres, Argentina, correspondent to arbitrate the question of the delimitation of the Puna de Atacama district. This puts an end to the boundary dispute.

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SERIOUS CHARGES MADE AGAINST FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Attorney for Defense Creates Sensation at Hearing of John A. Benson, Charged With Land Frauds,

New York, May 4.—At the preliminary hearing of John A. Benson, the wealthy California land owner, before United States Commissioner Shields, Attorney Platt for the defendant has made serious charges against federal officials. Mr. Benson and Frederick A. Hyde of San Francisco are jointly indicted on two charges, that of bribing federal officials in Washington, and also for conspiracy in fraudulently obtaining title to government lands in California and Oregon. It is alleged that Benson paid money to Woodford A. Harlan, a federal employee, to obtain government information. At a previous hearing before Commissioner Shields, Harlan swore that he wrote a letter to Benson in March, 1903, in which he (Harlan) offered for \$1000 in

cash to show Mr. Benson the result of the land agent's investigation or for \$500 to read him the shorthand notes of the inquiry. When the hearing was resumed on the bribery indictment, Attorney Platt, representing the defendant, asked for an adjournment. "I want time to bring this man Harlan here," said the lawyer, "to show that at the time he swore he wrote that letter to Benson offering to make disclosures for \$1000 as he testified, I want to show that at that very time the federal officials conducting the investigation had a photographic copy of that letter and knew that it contained no statement or promise of that character and that when Harlan so testified, they knew it was perjury." Commissioner Shields granted Mr. Platt an adjournment until today.

DECISION ON TREATY CLAUSE.

British Goods Not Benefitted by Reciprocity Agreements.

New York, May 4.—A decision just handed down by the board of United States general appraisers holds that the "favored nation clause," in the treaty of July 3, 1815, with Great Britain does not carry with it the benefits for British goods of the reciprocity agreements with other countries.

In this decision the board overrules a protest filed against the assessment of the full duty of \$2.25 a gallon on spirituous liquors produced in Great Britain. The importers asserted that under the "favored nation" clause of the treaty these liquors should be dutiable at \$1.75 a gallon, the rate imposed under the reciprocal agreement with France, Italy, Germany and Portugal.

A Botanical Freak.

Professor Charles Joseph Chamberlain of the department of botany of the University of Chicago believes that the plant called doon, which belongs to the Cycad group, corresponds in plant life to the "missing link" in the Darwinian theory of evolution.

Dr. Chamberlain has just returned from Jalapa, Mexico, where he was sent by the Botanical Society of America to secure specimens of the rare doon. Dr. Chamberlain brought back two of the flowers of the doon. By the embryology of the seeds of the doon Dr. Chamberlain hopes to prove that the doon was on the earth as far back as the paleozoic age, and that some plants of the species have been growing continually ever since.

"The doon is a rare and wonderful plant," said Dr. Chamberlain. "Everything about it points to the fact that

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it is what we have termed the 'missing link.' The doon can be found in no place in the world except in a narrow strip of territory in the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, near Jalapa. The flower is the heaviest in the plant kingdom. Those which I have brought back average fourteen pounds apiece. It blossoms once in four years."—New York Sun.

ASK FOR INQUIRY.

Resolution Passed That Tobacco Company is Illegal.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 4.—A resolution has been adopted in the annual convention here of the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco Association, asking congress to investigate the leading tobacco companies of the United States, charging that it is being conducted in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Officers were elected as follows: President, J. A. Friedman, Chicago; vice president, M. Krohn, Cincinnati; treasurer, E. E. Eckerson, Philadelphia; secretary, Jonas Brown, Chicago.

GILBERT IN EXTRAVAGANZA.

Eager Crowd Attends Reappearance of Great Actor in Drama.

London, May 4.—The eagerly awaited reappearance of William S. Gilbert in the dramatic field at the Garrick theater last night, conducted his audience through a world of greater extravagance than any into which he has play is entitled "The Fairy's Dilemma," further described as "An Original Domestic Pantomime." The plot turns on the tyranny of parental interference in matrimonial matters.

A GREAT SENSATION.

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I

THEY TIRE OF ROCKING BABY

Husbands Organize in Effort to Cut Out the Progressive Euchre Habit.

WIVES STAY OUT TOO LATE

Habit Is Growing and It Is Feared Besides That Meeting Will Soon Be Held on Sunday.

New York, May 4.—Twenty-one husbands who reside in Bayonne, N. J., have met and organized the married men's anti-euchre party. They declare it is time their wives and other men's wives were cured of the progressive euchre habit and propose to use all their efforts to establish such a cure. Several letters from other towns and cities were read indicating the movement.

A gentleman of the name of Kicks, in accepting the presidency of the new society, said:

"It is high time we asserted our manhood and made a determined effort to down this habit, which threatens to wreck our homes. Many a night I have had to walk the floor with the baby until 2 and 3 o'clock, waiting until my wife returned from a euchre party. It has got so that the clubs meet every afternoon and evening and are now talking of playing on Sunday."

Other men spoke in a similar vein and resolved to curb the popularity of euchre by every means in their power.

C. R. F. P. Union—Notice.

The regular monthly meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union will be held at Fishermen's hall on Astoria street, Saturday May 7, 1904, at 7:00 o'clock p. m.

Shall this union affiliate with the Fishermen's Protective Union of the Pacific Coast and Alaska, and other important questions will come up. Members in good standing are requested to be present and have their book or receipt along.

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